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FROM AMBASSADOR

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR ADDED ADDRESS USCINCSO)

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TAGS: MASS, HA

SUBJECT: FY 1977 MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE: HAITI

REF: STATE 036160 (131859Z FEB 76)

1. MISSION PLEASED BY PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL, FOR INCLUSION
IN FY 1977 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT, OF \$200
THOUSAND MAP-T GRANT AND \$500 THOUSAND FMS CREDIT FOR HAITI.
IN OUR JUDGMENT INCLUSION OF A MODEST FMS CREDIT PROGRAM,
AS URGED IN OUR CASP PRESENTATIONS AND APPROVED BY THE IG
ON 17 JUNE 1975, IS FULLY JUSTIFIED.

2. IN REPLY TO PARA 4-A, REFTEL, WE WOULD URGE HAITIANS TO
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS:

A. COASTAL OR SEAGOING BUOY TENDER AT BEST AVAILABLE
CONCESSIONARY TERMS, SUCH AS THROUGH USG MILITARY EQUIPMENT
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DISPOSAL PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US

COAST GUARD SEAGOING BUOY TENDER (WLB) "COWSLIP" IS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL AT CURTIS BAY, MD., AND COULD BE PURCHASED BY HAITI AT GREATLY REDUCED COST. HOWEVER, PREFERENCE FROM OPERATIONAL VIEWPOINT WOULD BE SMALLER COASTAL BUOY TENDER, SUCH AS (WLM) "RED" AND "WHITE" CLASSES.

B. BALANCE OF FMS CREDIT REMAINING SHOULD BE APPLIED TO EQUIPMENT IN FOLLOWING DESCENDING PRIORITIES:

BUOYS 1ST & 2ND CLASS SINGLE W/ACCESSORIES	\$100,000
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OUTER COASTAL NAVAIDS (5 1/2 X 7 P.E. W/ACCESSORIES)	
(NAVY)	50,000

NAVAL ENGINE REPAIR EQUIPMENT (NAVY)	10,000
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HULL REPAIR EQUIPMENT (NAVY)	10,000
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VHF & UHF RADIOS (NAVY, AIR FORCE & ARMY)	100,000
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RNMMUNICATIONS REPAIR EQUIPMENT (NAVY, AIR FORCE & ARMY)	10,000
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TRUCKS (1/4 T, 1 T, 5 T) (ARMY)	80,000
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TOOL KITS (AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR) (ARMY)	10,000
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AIR FRAME REPAIR SHOP & EQUIPMENT (AIR FORCE)	50,000
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CRANE 20 T RAIL MTD W/ACCESSORIES (NAVY)	80,000
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TOTAL	\$500,000
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3. IN ANSWER TO PARA 5, REFTTEL:

A. WE BELIEVE GOH WOULD READILY ACCEPT AND CONSUMMATE PROPOSED CREDIT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER GOH IS UNAWARE THAT FMS CREDIT IS ON DRAWING BOARDS, AND WOULD NEED TIME TO STUDY FINANCING TERMS AND, IN CONSULTATION WITH DATT, DECIDE UPON ITS OWN PRIORITIES.

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B. SEE PARA 2 ABOVE.

C. NO.

D. NO.

E. FMS CREDIT RELATED CLOSELY TO ON-GOING MAP-T PROGRAM IN THAT IT WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT TO

ENHANCE HAITI'S SEA AND AIR RESCUE (SAR) CAPABILITY.

F. US POTFICY OBJECTIVES FOR PROVISIONNF FMS CREDIT ARE:

(I) CONSOLIDATE USG INFLUENCE WITH HAITIAN ARMED FORCES, TRADITIONALLY A CRITICAL FACTOR IN HAITIAN POLITICAL STABILITY. REGULAR MILITARY IS GRADUALLY TAKING OVER INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO MILITIA AND ASSOCIATED IRREGULAR SECURITY UNITS CREATED BY LATE PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER.

(II) RESPOND TO PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF HAITIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP, WHICH ALSO SERVES US OBJECTIVE OF FURTHER DIMINISHING THE ARBITRARY ROLE OF MILITIA AND OTHER IRREGULAR SECURITY FORCES.

(III) PROVIDE MEANS FOR HAITI TO CONDUCT SAR MISSIONS, AND TO CONDUCT COASTAL PATROLS IN SUPPORT OF US/DEA OPERATIONS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

(IV) FOSTER IMPROVEMENTS IN HAITIAN MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR NON-COMBAT MISSIONS.

(V) INFLUENCE HAITIAN MILITARY PROCUREMENT TOWARD OBJECTIVES OF NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY, US-ORIGIN COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDIZATION, AND AVOIDANCE OF COSTLY AND UNNEEDED WEAPONS WHOSE FINANCING WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS ANF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES.

G. NO.

H. YES - MUCH IF NOT MOST OF EQUIPMENT SUPPORTIVE OF US OBJECTIVES PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE PURCHASED WITHOUT FMS CREDIT.

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I. NO - SMALL FUNDING LEVEL INVOLVED WILL NOT MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON EVEN HAITI'S LIMITED ABILITY TO REPAY.

J. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS IN FY 76 FOR ANY MAJOR HAITIAN MILITARY PURCHASES, US-ORIGIN OR OTHERWISE. FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR DORIN STRONGLY DISCOURAGED ANY PROMOTION OF FRENCH ARMS SALES TO HAITI, AND WE BELIEVE HIS SUCCESSOR DEBLE WOULD FOLLOW SUIT SHOULD QUESTION ARISE.

4. IF CONGRESS APPROVES PROPOSED FY 77 FMS CREDIT, EQUIPMENT LISTS PROVIDED IN USDAO PORT-AU-PRINCE MSAP FY 78-82 WILL BE REVISED AND RESUBMITTED ASAP.

5. REGRET SLIGHT DELAY IN SENDING REPLY, BUT REFTTEL NOT RECEIVED HERE UNTIL FEB 17 AND DATT WAS OUT OF TOWN FEB 81.

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